



Casa de Esperanza,

- Domestic Violence Services
- Rape Crisis Services
- Community Education
- Children/Teen Programs

June 14, 2010

REQUESTED PROCLAMATIONS

Wheatland City Council
313 Main Street
Wheatland, CA 95692

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Casa de Esperanza designates July as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Throughout July, Casa de Esperanza is organizing a series of events to help every member of our community decide to end sexual violence. Our goal is to encourage everyone in **The City of Wheatland** to learn about sexual violence, how to help prevent it, and how to help survivors heal.

Casa de Esperanza is calling for **The City of Wheatland** wide participation to *Speak out against Sexual Violence*, and would be honored if you would sponsor an official proclamation to recognize July as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. You can further support Sexual Assault Awareness Month by copying and posting the attached flyers, wearing a teal ribbon implemented by our ribbon campaign, showing your support to end sexual violence and by attending our annual event, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®.

Casa de Esperanza is ***Taking Action by Deciding to End Sexual Violence*** in coordination with California's rape crisis centers and the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault. We share the view of the World Health Organization that sexual violence is a serious health problem that profoundly affects the physical, emotional, mental and social well-being of victims. With leadership and commitment, we believe that we can work together with others to create short and long-term solutions to the endemic problem of sexual violence, including unhealthy and unsafe relationships.

We invite you to attend and support Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® this year. The event will be on July 24th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will be at the Yuba/ Sutter Mall at the front west entrance off of Colusa Highway. We appreciate the support you have provided in the past and look for your continuing support in the future.

If you would like any additional information regarding sexual assault, or if you have any questions in reference to our planned events for Sexual Assault Awareness month, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Marsha Krouse-Taylor

Executive Director

DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY 2010
AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
IN THE CITY OF WHEATLAND

WHEREAS, sexual assault is an intolerable violent crime with public health implications for every person as a victim/survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim/survivor; and

WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own—we must work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victim/survivors and their significant others, and increase support for agencies providing services to victim/survivors; and

WHEREAS, Casa de Esperanza has led the way in addressing sexual assault by providing 24 hour hotline services to victim/survivors and their significant others, responding to emergency calls, offering support and comfort to those impacted by sexual assault during medical exams, criminal proceedings, and empowering those impacted by sexual assault to chart their own course for healing; and

WHEREAS, ending sexual assault must include active public and private efforts to *End Sexual Violence* in collaboration with Casa de Esperanza including conversation about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with crucial counseling and other support services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of sexual assault programs work year round to encourage every person to end sexual violence and to support survivors by providing prevention education and survivor empowerment information to schools, churches, civic organizations, as well as medical, mental health, law enforcement, education, and criminal justice personnel regarding sexual assault issues;

WHEREAS, Casa de Esperanza has set an important example of how forging collaborative relationships between service agencies and organizations serves to improve the quality of service for those most profoundly and directly impacted by sexual violence, thus setting an important example for how the rest of the community might work together to speak out and find solutions to sexual violence;

WHEREAS, Casa de Esperanza requests public support and assistance as it continues its effort to bring real hope for freeing victims from the tragedy of sexual violence to create a future where all women, men and children can live free from violence and exploitation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of the important work done by sexual assault programs, in cooperation with Casa de Esperanza, Inc., I, _____ **Mayor of the City of Wheatland and on the behalf of the City Council**, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2010 to actively proclaim that **SEXUAL ASSAULT ENDS WITH YOU. *Taking Action by Deciding to End Sexual Violence*** will support the efforts of sexual assault prevention, intervention and treatment programs.